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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Combined Public Communications, LLC for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Resold Institutional Telecommunications Services and for Alternative Regulation within the State of South Carolina
Docket No. 2017-256-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has examined the materials for which confidential treatment has been sought by Combined Public Communications, LLC ("the Company") in this matter and has not found sufficient basis for a determination that the materials and information qualify as "trade secrets" entitled to protective treatment from public disclosure.

Absent a showing by the Company that the materials for which protective treatment is sought is of a commercially sensitive nature, ORS is of the opinion that the public's right to know outweighs any confidential considerations regarding these materials and information.

ORS therefore requests that the Commission either deny the Motion for Confidential Treatment, or alternatively, hold this matter in abeyance pending the Company's submission of additional evidence and argument in support of its Motion.

Sincerely,

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